

**MINUTES**  
**JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES**  
**AND BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PRESENTATION OF BUDGET TO JOINT BOARDS**  
**JULY 9, 2015**

1. Mayor Robert A. Mezzo called the special meeting to order at **6:32 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

**BURGESSES:**

T. K. Rossi  
M. Bronko  
R. Burns  
C. Ernsky  
L. Jackson, left 8:28 p.m.

R. Neth, absent  
A. Olbrys, absent  
P. Scully, Sr.  
R. Vitale

**PRESS:**

E. Gulgliotti  
L. Weschler

**RESIDENTS:**

None

**FINANCE BOARD:**

A. Bottinick  
J. Branco Sampaio, absent  
A. Campbell  
K. Kiernan, arr. 6:35 p.m.  
A. Pistarelli

J. Savarese  
D. Scinto  
D. Sheridan, Jr.  
S. Stirk, arr. 7:06 p.m.

**ALTERNATES:**

R. Burke  
W. McAllister, absent  
D. Wisniewski, left 8:20 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

R. Butler, Controller  
K. Hanks, Fire Chief  
J. Kallipolites, IT Director  
S. Locke, Superintendent of Schools  
A. Merly, BOE IT Director

**OTHERS:**

Four Firefighters  
C. Montini, Asst. Superintendent of Schools  
B. Rizk, Asst. BOE Business Mgr.  
S. Bronko, NVHD

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairwoman Diane Scinto who appointed R. Burke in the absence of J. Branco Sampaio and D. Wisniewski in the absence of K. Kiernan.
4. Chairwoman Scinto stated that each department budget as prepared by the Finance Board will be discussed separately. Each budget will either be **accepted as presented** or **accepted with specified changes**. Each proposed change to a budget will be voted on separately.

**K. Kiernan arrived 6:35 p.m.**

Chairwoman Diane Scinto appointed D. Wisniewski in the absence of S. Stirk.

**S. Stirk arrived 7:06 p.m.**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:**

**Administrative**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$267,068**.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FOR:**

A. Bottinick  
J. Savarese  
D. Sheridan  
M. Bronko  
P. Scully

**OPPOSED:**

Mayor Mezzo  
D. Scinto  
T. K. Rossi  
A. Campbell  
K. Kiernan  
A. Pistarelli

**ABSTAIN:**

None

R. Burke  
D. Wisniewski  
R. Burns  
C. Ernsky  
L. Jackson  
R. Vitale

**Motion failed 5-12-0**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$15,541 constituent aide position) in the amount of \$251,527.

**M. Bronko and D. Sheridan opposed.**

**Town Hall Building**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$137,276.

**Town Wide Activity**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$186,960.

**Department of Finance**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$344,917.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$100 office supplies) in the amount of \$344,817.

**Probate Court**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$17,195.

**Elections**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$110,609.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$75 conference & dues, \$660 regular payroll) in the amount of \$109,874.

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**Tax Department**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$233,376.

**Property Assessment**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$205,282.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$1,000 postage) in the amount of \$204,282.

**T. K. Rossi opposed.**

**Building Inspector**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$214,171.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$250 departmental supplies) in the amount of \$213,921.

**R. Burke opposed.**

**Information Technology**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$189,755.

**Town Clerk**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$179,385.

**A. Bottinick and D. Sheridan in favor.**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$100 election stipend, \$250 departmental supplies, \$1,500 land record indexing system) in the amount of \$177,535.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FOR:**

Mayor Mezzo  
D. Scinto  
K. Kiernan  
S. Stirk  
M. Bronko  
P. Scully

**OPPOSED:**

T. K. Rossi  
A. Bottinick  
A. Campbell  
A. Pistarelli  
J. Savarese  
D. Sheridan

**ABSTAIN:**

None

**Motion failed 6-11-0**

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Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$100 election stipend, \$250 departmental supplies, \$750 land record indexing system) in the amount of \$178,285.

**A. Bottinick, M. Bronko, Mayor Mezzo, D. Sheridan and S. Stirk opposed.**

**Downtown Development**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$166,050.

**Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.

**C. Ernsky, L. Jackson and K. Kiernan opposed.**

**Prospect Street School Building Maintenance/Tuttle Vacant Building Maintenance**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Prospect Street School Building Maintenance/Tuttle Vacant Building Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$36,500.

**Land Use**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$121,718.

**L. Jackson opposed.**

**C. Ernsky left 8:12 p.m.**

**Legal Department**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Legal Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$283,000.

**C. Ernsky was not present for the vote.**

**Human Resources**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$127,685.

**C. Ernsky was not present for the vote.**

**C. Ernsky returned 8:19 p.m.**

**D. Wisniewski left at 8:20 p.m.**

**Chairwoman Scinto recessed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

**Chairwoman Scinto reconvened the meeting at 8:29 p.m.**

**L. Jackson left at 8:28 p.m.**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Police Department**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,542,913.

**K. Kiernan opposed.**

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Fire Department**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$3,917,729.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$1,000 telephone, \$7,125 in-house training) in the amount of \$3,909,604.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**EMS/Ambulance**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **EMS/Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$0.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Office of Emergency Management**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Office of Emergency Management Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$5,100.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC)**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC) Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$19,900.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Eastside Fire Station**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$16,600.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Safety Patrol**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$350.

**P. Scully opposed.**

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

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**Fire/Police**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$500.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:**

**Social Services**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Social Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$30,000.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$72,330.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Visiting Nurses Association**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of 0.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Water Pollution Control Authority**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,664,267.

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**Senior Center**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$83,276.

**D. Scinto opposed.**

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo were not present for the vote.**

**M. Bronko and Mayor Mezzo returned 8:52 p.m.**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,562,801.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$4,850 tipping fees) in the amount of \$4,557,951.

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**Engineering Department**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$301,369.

**Estimated Wage Increases**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Estimated Wage Increases Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$297,652.

**C. Ernsky and K. Kiernan opposed.**

**DEBT SERVICE:**

**Debt Service**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,599,029.

**PENSIONS:**

**Pensions**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$9,677,914.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted with specified changes (increase \$15,000 special medical pensions and decrease \$29,487 social security and Medicare) in the amount of \$9,658,427.

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL:**

**Insurance**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$10,293,969.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (increase \$641 VFIS package, \$5,145 flood insurance and decrease \$2,000 employees group life, \$2,446 law enforcement liability, \$3,965 public officials & employment liability, \$27,458 sewer plant property policy, \$100,000 workers' compensation) in the amount of \$10,163,886.

**Community Services**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,035,721.

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**General**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,266,150.

**Reserve Fund**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,109,311.

**C. Ernsky and D. Scinto opposed.**

**Contingency**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$350,000.

**Board of Education**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$62,026,871.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$13,220 capital, \$15,000 garbage removal, \$90,000 unemployment compensation, \$200,000 health benefits) in the amount of \$61,708,651.

**C. Ernsky and K. Kiernan opposed.**

**J. Savarese abstained.**

**Revenues**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by A. Bottinick that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$115,289,258.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **10:03 p.m.**

**A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.**

**Attest:**

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Nancy K. DiMeo  
Borough Clerk